

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A recording system for recording and/or reserving a broadcast program, comprising:

means for accepting a request to record and/or reserve a broadcast program;

storage means for recording a broadcast program;

connection means for connecting with an external device;

determination means for determining whether it is possible to record a broadcast program requested to be recorded and/or reserved;

means for issuing a recording substitution request to an external device via said connection means in response to a negative result of said determination; and

user information management means for storing user information about each requesting origin, wherein a recording substitution means obtains advertising information appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin via said connection means and inserting said information in a recorded program,

~~wherein said recording system is charged for program reservation substitution services at a metered rate corresponding to recording time~~

wherein said storage means permanently stores self-diagnostic data relating to content recording and reproducing sequences corresponding to expansion and compression of the original recorded program.

2. (Previously Presented) The recording system according to claim 1, wherein said determination means generates a negative result when a remaining capacity of said storage means is not sufficient for recording a broadcast program requested to be recorded and/or reserved.

3. (Original) The recording system according to claim 1, wherein said determination means generates a negative result when a failure in said system prevents a broadcast program from being recorded in said storage means.

4. (Currently Amended) A recording substitution system for substitutionally recording a broadcast program, comprising:

connection means for connecting with an external device;

means for receiving a broadcast program;

storage means for recording a broadcast program;

recording substitution means for responding to reception of a recording substitution request via said connection means and receiving and recording a corresponding broadcast program in said storage means; and

user information management means for storing user information about each requesting origin, wherein said recording substitution means obtains advertising information appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin via said connection means and inserting said information in a recorded program,

~~wherein said recording substitution system is charged for program
reservation substitution services at a metered rate corresponding to recording time~~

wherein said storage means permanently stores self-diagnostic data
relating to content recording and reproducing sequences corresponding to expansion and
compression of the original recorded program.

5. (Original) The recording substitution system according to claim 4,
wherein said recording substitution means can receive recording substitution requests from a
plurality of external devices and records a broadcast program corresponding to a requesting
origin.

6. (Original) The recording substitution system according to claim 4 further
comprising user information management means for storing user information about each
requesting origin, wherein said recording substitution means records a broadcast program in a
format appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin.

7. (Canceled)